

SATURDAY, Dec. 1, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, presented the petition of the heirs of Martin Crow; referred to the committee on the Judiciary,

Mr Whitaker presented the memorial of T J Rusk and James H Starr; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to reorganize the 8th Judicial District, and define the times of holding the District Court therein, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr Scott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of James Lamb, have had the same under consideration and would, with respect, submit to the Senate that the following is in substance the facts of the case. That the petitioner emigrated to the Republic of Texas in the year 1839, and remained a citizen of said Republic until the year 1841, in which year he joined the Santa Fe expedition; and was, whilst a member of said expedition, taken prisoner by the Mexican authorities and marched on foot to different places in Mexico, and finally confined in prison, three months, in Perote; after being released, circumstances over which he had no control, prevented him from returning to Texas. The committee believe that the fact of Mr Lamb being taken prisoner and forced into prison in Mexico, should excuse him from complying with the condition of three years continuous residence before he could get his certificate for the land which he is entitled to as an emigrant, and therefore the committee report the accompanying bill for his relief and recommend its passage.

Which was read first time.

Mr Russell made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills and find them correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill for the relief of George L Bledsoe.

A bill for the relief of Radford Berry.

A bill to authorise the County Court of Dallas county to levy an additional tax for the purpose of building a courthouse.

A bill for the relief of John F Chairs.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and assignees of Thomas Williams.

A bill for the relief of John B Johnson.

A bill for the relief of George W Grover.

And, a bill supplementary to an Act of Dec. 27, 1837, entitled an Act to authorise the Clerks of the several Courts to appoint deputies, and requiring them to keep their offices at the county seat, and to define the duty of deputy clerks.

Mr Martin, from the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The committee on the Judiciary have considered the petition of Micajah Bateman and Martha Bateman, to change the names of Martha McDonald and John McDonald, and finding that they have duly filed their statement in writing in the County Clerk's office of Freestone county, as required by the law of January 16, 1850, they therefore report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage :

A bill to change the names of Martha McDonald and John McDonald to that of Martha McDonald Bateman and John McDonald Bateman ; read first time.

Mr Whitaker introduced a bill for the relief of Stephen F Sparks ; read first time.

Mr Potter introduced a bill for the temporary relief of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company ; read first time.

Mr Martin introduced a bill to define the times of holding the District Courts in the 9th Judicial District ; read first time.

Mr Superviele introduced a bill authorizing the use of the Spanish language before Justices' Courts, in certain cases, and in the counties west of the Guadalupe river ; read first time.

Mr Doane offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a select committee of three, to act in conjunction with the committee of seven appointed on the part of the House, to take into consideration the message of his Excellency, and accompanying documents, in regard to the investigation of land titles west of the Nueces river. Adopted.

Messrs Doane, Palmer and Hill were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr Scott, the Chaplain was excused from attendance on the Senate during next week.

On motion of *Mr Grimes*, a bill for the relief of *John T. Bailey*, and a bill for the relief of *Valentine T. Dalton*, were taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr Truit moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning; lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs *Allen, Caldwell, Hill, Lott, McDade, Martin, Millican, Scarborough, Taylor, of Houston, Truit, White and Wren*—12.

NAYS—Messrs *Bryan, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Maverick, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scott, Superviele, Weatherford and Whitaker*—14.

On motion of *Mr Millican*, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1855. }

The President called the Senate to order pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr Guinn presented the petition of *Charles Baldwin*, assignee of *G. B. Brownrigg*; referred to committee on public lands.

Mr Wren presented the petition of *John C. Weaver*; referred to committee on private land claims.

Mr Truit presented the petition of sundry citizens of *Shelby county*; referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr Burroughs presented the petition of sundry citizens of *Sabine county*, praying for an appropriation for the purpose of clearing out the obstructions in the *Sabine river*; referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which was referred the memorial of "*Wesley Kirkpatrick*;" reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended that it be laid on the table.

Mr Potter, chairman of the same committee, to which was referred A bill authorising the United States Marshal to use the jails of the counties of this State, reported a substitute therefor, recommended the adoption of the substitute, and passage of the bill.

Mr Scott, chairman of the committee on public lands, to which were referred "a bill explanatory of the fourteenth section of an act to provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Rail Road—approved Dec. 21st, 1853, and "a bill